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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST, 17 MARCH 1963--
LATIN AMERICA**

1. CUBA:

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A. THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE

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OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AT THE MAJOR SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

B. ANOTHER TWO SOVIET PASSENGER SHIPS ARE EN ROUTE TO CUBA.

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2. BRAZIL:

A. THE JORNAL DO BRASIL, OFTEN A GOOD BAROMETER OF OFFICIAL OPINION, EDITORIALIZES THAT RECENT TESTIMONY ON BRAZIL BEFORE THE US CONGRESS UNDERSCORES THAT "THESE ARE DIFFICULT HOURS IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS."

B. THE EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT "THE WALL OF INCOMPREHENSION, VESTED INTERESTS, PRE-FABRICATED SLOGANS, AND DISTORTED INFORMATION IS TOO HIGH TO BE HURDLED IN ONE LEAP. WE HOPE THAT THE KENNEDY AND GOULART GOVERNMENTS WILL SUCCEED IN HURDLING IT. BUT WE MUST ALSO BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST."

C. THE NEWSPAPER WARNS THAT THE "EUPHORIA SURROUNDING THE RESULTS OF THE DANTAS MISSION IS NOT JUSTIFIED."

3. VENEZUELA:

A. EXTREME LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE BEEN DEALT A SERIOUS LEGAL SETBACK AFFECTING THEIR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

B. THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL HAS EXCLUDED THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE CRYPTOCOMMUNIST LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT FROM THE ELECTORAL MACHINERY.

C. THE TWO PARTIES, ALREADY UNDER WHAT IS CALLED "SUSPENSION," ARE THUS FURTHER CONFINED, THOUGH NEITHER IS STRICTLY SPEAKING OUTLAWED.

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4. BOLIVIA/CUBA:

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A. THE CUBAN CHARGE IN LA PAZ IS DESCRIBED AS FRANTIC OVER
THE CRASH OF A BOLIVIAN PLANE MISSING SINCE FRIDAY.

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C. THE CHILEANS REPORT SIGHTING WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT
ON THEIR TERRITORY.

5. NOTES:

A. PANAMA: THERE IS SOME CONCERN IN PANAMA CITY THAT
COMMUNISTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS WILL TRY TO CREATE DISORDERS
AIMED AT EMBARRASSING PRESIDENT CHIARI

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C. HAITI: THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ON
THE SITUATION SINCE YESTERDAY.

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